

MODERATE SOCIALISTS.

THE CONSERVATIVE ELEMENT WINS AT THE ERFURT CONGRESS!

THE RUSSIAN LOAN DRAGGING—NEGOTIATING TARIFF CONCESSIONS FOR AMERICAN PRODUCTS—ITALY AND RUSSIA CANNOT AGREE.

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Berlin, Oct. 17.—The proceedings of the Socialist Congress at Erfurt have so heightened the reputation of the leaders of the party and of the greater part of the delegates for tact and moderation as to give the whole party a new character in the eyes of the country. Constitutional radicalism, seeking to attain its aims by rational, pacific methods, is now the spirit which animates German Socialism. Herr Werner, Wilhelmer, Lutze and others, in a miserable minority, displayed in debate mental incapacity, so plain as to cover them with ridicule. Herr Bebel advised the extremists to leave the party, and form an organization of their own. Considerable toleration was shown toward the extremists during successive discussions, but forbearance had its limits, and yesterday, amid cries of "Aus," "Aus," Herr Werner and his colleagues vanished, probably forever, from the Socialist ranks. The addresses delivered before the Congress showed a difference of opinion regarding the attitude of the Socialist party and Germany's foreign policy. Herrn Bebel and Liebknecht held that German Socialists should first assume a national and then an international character. On motion of Herr Bebel, the Congress to-night adopted a comprehensive resolution declaring that no reason exists why a change should be made from the tactics formerly pursued. The Congress seems anxious for the return of Socialist members to the Reichstag, various Landtags and communal councils of special benefit to the propaganda. The Congress adjourned to-night.

THE SUCCESS OF THE RUSSIAN LOAN DOUBTED.

Bankers of this city who have the best information from Paris and St. Petersburg utterly discredit the reports regarding the success of the Russian loan.

Dispatches from St. Petersburg received on the Bourse here state that the Russian applications are almost entirely from banks. At the Imperial Bank of St. Petersburg, which is open for the reception of subscriptions to the loan, only five persons have applied,

taking in all only six of the bonds.

TARIFF CONCESSIONS ON AMERICAN PRODUCTS.

The negotiations between William Walter Phelps, the United States Minister, and Chasselot von Caprivi for a reduction of the duty on American grain and breadstuffs generally are proceeding.

It is not likely, however, that anything will be decided upon before the new Austrian treaty of commerce is promulgated.

The reduction of the tariff on American pork products is also involved with the pending German treaties.

It is expected that Minister Phelps will succeed in securing for America equal privileges with Austria.

DECLARATION THAT ALSACE IS GERMANIZED.

Herr Stoetzel, the recently elected Autonomist Deputy for Saverne, has published a significant letter in which he says that the Alsatians no longer desire reunion with France, the new generation which has sprung up since 1870 having become Germanized.

ITALIAN AND RUSSIAN INTERESTS IN THE EAST.

The "North German Gazette" gives prominence to a semi-official statement published by the Vienna "Freies" that the recent conference between M. de Giers, the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Marquis di Rudini, the Italian Premier, related principally to Eastern affairs. M. de Giers tried, but failed, to convince the Italian Premier that the interests of Russia and Italy in Bulgaria and the Dardanelles were identical. Premier di Rudini declared that England and Italy had been in agreement and common policy, though they did not desire to attack Russia.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR GERMAN EXHIBITORS.

Herr Werwitz, Imperial Commissioner for Germany to the World's Fair, has arrived in this city from Chicago.

The report which he has already sent will give great encouragement to the German exhibitors.

Dr. John of the Berlin Ethnological Museum, who was in Chicago at the same time with Herr Werwitz, is preparing plans for the construction of an old Prussian town and medieval village on the Fair grounds.

Mr. King, United States Consul-General at Paris, is in Berlin on a short visit.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA IN LONDON.

THE INDEPENDENT THEATRE AND ITS WORK—LAGO'S ITALIAN OPERA SEASON.

London, Oct. 17.—Manager J. T. Grein, of the Independent Theatre, is again pushing forward with vigor.

His venture has achieved temporary justification by the transfer of "Theresa Raquin" to the evening bill of the Royal Opera with the original cast.

In the form in which the piece was produced last week, it is not easily praised by the critics. Mr. Moore has suggested that a public subscription of about £1,500 would be certain to place the Independent Theatre upon a permanent basis. Mr. Grein seems to have been somewhat of the same opinion, for he has written a letter to "The Times," in which he says that £500 will be sufficient to firmly establish the English Theatre Libre. The discussion on this subject was warm. The delegates went to Niagara Falls this afternoon.

DECISION ON THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

Omaha, Oct. 17.—The eight-hour law was to-day declared constitutional by Judges Wakely, Doane and Davis of the District Court. The opinion was on a test case made by the Central Labor Union. It will at once be appealed to the Supreme Court.

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